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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the final Office Action mailed June 18, 1999, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-referenced application for Allowance. The following claim amendments are submitted as placing the present application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicants also respectfully submit that the §102 and §103 rejections have been improperly maintained and, for reasons developed in detail below, the subject matter of the claims is clearly not taught or obvious in view of the cited art.